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CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR

PHOENIX, Ariz. (July 7, 2005) – The Citizens Clean Elections Commission (Commission), a state agency that administers the Citizens Clean Elections Act (Act), announced today that Deputy Director Eric Gorsegner has tendered his resignation with the Commission, effective July 22. After nearly two years of service to the Commission, Mr. Gorsegner has elected to pursue new career opportunities with the Arizona Business & Education Coalition.

In a letter to the Commissioners on July 5, Gorsegner said, “it has been my pleasure to serve each of you professionally and to know each of you personally.” In the interim, Gene Lemon, former Clean Elections chair and special investigator to the Commission, will continue to advise Clean Elections on enforcement matters while the Commission searches for a new director.

“We wish Eric well in his new endeavors and thank him for his contribution to the Commission,” said Marcia Busching, chairwoman of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. “During this transition, operations at the Commission will continue to move forward uninterrupted. We remain committed to educating voters about the Clean Elections Act, and leveling the political playing field in state government.”

The job description for the executive director of the Commission is posted on both the Commission Web site (www.azcleaselections.gov) and the Department of Administration Web site (www.adoa.state.az.us), and will appear in various online and print job listings both nationally and locally through July 25.

About the Citizens Clean Elections Commission

The Citizens Clean Elections Act, which was passed by voters in 1998, created a new campaign financing system that provides full public funding to qualified candidates who agree to abide by Citizens Clean Elections Commission guidelines. Candidates for statewide and legislative offices are eligible to participate in the public funding program.

To qualify for funding, participating candidates must adhere to strict spending and contribution limits and gather \$5 qualifying contributions from a number of registered voters. Participating candidates also agree to attend required debates.

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